MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—It does not constitute any matter of breach of privilege.

CALL ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE *Re*: RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT YALVIGI RAILWAY STATION.

SRI R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home and Municipal Administration) .—Sir, there are 7 to 8 persons who have given similar call attention notice. It is already under enquiry by a Commission appointed by Government of India.

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The matter is *sub-judice*. Why take up this subject ?

SRI R. M. PATIL.—It is not *sub judice* and we are not going into the merits of the case.

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Enquiry is going on by the Commission.

SRI K. H. SRINIVASA (Sagar).—I feel there is nothing prejudicing the other proceedings in this. The actual facts must be taken cognisance of by this House. I want that the statement be read.

I call the attention of the Minister for Home and Municipal Administration to the Railway accident at Yalvigi Railway Station.

SRI R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home and Municipal Administration) .—In the Railway Accident on 19th March 1968 at about 10-40 P.M. at Yelvigi Station due to the collision between train No. 208 Poona-Bangalore Deccan Express and the Birur-Hubli Passenger, 55 persons died and 42 persons sustained injuries.

In this connection, a case in Cr. No. 36/68 under section 304 (A) I.P.C. of the Hubli Railway Police Station has been registered and is being investigated. Two accused in this case have been arrested.

Immediately after the accident, the Police Force of Dharwar District rushed to the spot and assisted the Railway authorities in rescuing the injured persons and removing the dead bodies. Medical aid was rushed to Yelvigi Railway Station from Savanur, Shiggaon, Haveri, Gudgeri, Laxmeshwar, Hubli and Dharwar. Water and stimulants like tea, coffee, milk and fruits were given to the injured soon after their resuc from the compartments before they were shifted to the hospitals. All the injured were shifted to the Cottage Hospital at Haveri and Karnataka Medical College Hospital, Hubli, without any loss of time. Watch and Ward for the luggage and belongings of the passengers were promptly arranged by cordoning

off the area. The Corporation authorities arranged for the burial of the unclaimed dead bodies. The Police authorities have given Rs. 78 from the Family Welfare Fund and Rs. 300 from the Contingency to the dependants of the Police Constable Shri Kashinath of Dharwar who lost his life in the accident. The question of giving all possible assistance to the poor lamanis who were involved in the accident is being examined by the Deputy Commissioner, Dharwar. It is learnt that the Railway authorities have also taken action to give relief to the dependants of those who lost their lives in this accident and to the injured.

Shortage of Drinking Water supply in Kolar Town

SRI P. VENKATAGIRIYAPPA (Kolar).—I call the attention of the Minister for Home and Municipal Administration to the shortage of drinking water supply in Kolar Town.

SRI R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home and Municipal Administration).—The water supply system to Kolar is maintained by the Town Municipal Council, Kolar. On account of failure of rains during 1967, Ammerahalli tank did not receive adequate supply of water and consequently the tank is getting dried up. It is reported that there is water still in the tank to suffice for about 8, to 10 days. To tide over shortage of water 4 bore wells have been sunk which are in existence in Ammerahalli tank water spread area. Harnessing arrangements of these borewells are being made to commission the same. Further, the Town Municipal Council has taken over two private wells near the tank and arrangements are being made to pump water from these wells. Action has also been taken by the Municipality to improve the existing private wells in the towns to augment water supply. By the above arrangements, it may be stated that about 2,00,000 gallons can be provided to Kolar Town which work out to 5 gallons per capita per day. This is considered to be the minimum requirement for drinking purposes.

Also the Municipality has arranged supply of water through lorries and tractors. In view of the facts mentioned above there is need to be anxious regarding water supply to Kolar Town.

SRI P. VENKATAGIRIYAPPA.—The hon'ble Minister has stated that two thousand gallons are supplied. I can say by my experience that not even one thousand gallons are supplied. In addition there is cholera. Instead of relying on the facts furnished by the officers, will the Minister inspect the town and see for himself the falsity of the facts furnished by the officers ?

SRI R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home and Municipal Administration).—All arrangements will be made to provid sufficient water.